

Possibility of misuse of RTI Act, by middle men

191. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cautioned against the dangers of middlemen in disseminating Governmental information using the Right to Information Act (RTI);

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to guard against the growth of professional middle men in the use of this Act; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) The Prime Minister in his address at the National Conference on RTI on 15.10.06 has cautioned against the growth of professional middle men in the use of Right to Information Act, 2005, as seen in some other countries.

(b) and (c) The Act empowers all the citizens to seek information directly from the public authorities thereby obviating the need for middle men.

Implementation of a decision of CoS.

192. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for Government to implement the decisions taken in the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) headed by the Cabinet Secretary and if not, the reasons for appointing CoS;

(b) whether Government propose to take action against DoPT for not implementing the decision of CoS to revise OM dated 14th July, 1981;

(c) whether CoS meeting was attended by the Secretary (Personnel) and his concerned Joint Secretary and others to review DoPT OM dated 14th July, 1981; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to immediately direct DoPT to implement decisions taken in CoS meeting held on 2nd June, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):